(d) whether there is any proposal before the Government to acquire land for the construction of national memorial in the name of Dr. Ambedkar;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As requested by the Ministry of Welfare, the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment have allotted land in the Institutional Area between Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Raisina Road for constructing the Library. However the physical possession of Land is yet to be given, and necessary efforts are underway for obtaining this. Necessary actions for conceptualising the Library have also been initiated.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Government of NCT, Delhi have been requested to acquire the property at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi where Dr. B.R. Ambedkar breathed his last, for putting up a Memorial in his name. Availability of funds for acquiring the land has also been confirmed to the Delhi Government. Necessary actions are underway for releasing the funds.

(f) Does not arise.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai and related papers

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): Madam I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai for the year 1995-96, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1675/97].

Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited for the year 1996-97

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): Madam I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, for the year 1996-97. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1788/97].

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Murasoli Maran.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Madam, I have a point of order. Madam, Mr. Murasoli Maran is going to place seven sets of papers. I am happy that all these papers relate to 1995-96 only. They are not very much delayed. My point is, if you see item No. V entered against his name, they are also related to 1995-96 report of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. I do not have any objection to that particularly, but the question is that in all other cases, in all other reports, which also relate to 1995-96, he has given the reason for the delay, in this case he has not done so. Why is this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Madam, it is the last item (c) —"The Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above." Please see item (c).